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**Subject:** RE: For OGC REVIEW: draft Memo on PEER letter  
**Attachments:** Draft Memo to OIG and SIO 6.30.21 (mc edits July 1 2021).docx

Nate —

My review of the draft is attached.

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Thanks,  
Merrick

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Hi Merrick,

Can you review the attached?

Thanks,

Nate

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**Subject:** For OGC REVIEW: draft Memo on PEER letter

Dear PTSLO and GLO – On Monday June 28, OCSPP Assistant Administrator Michal Freedhoff received from PEER a copy of a letter they had just sent to Representative Ro Khanna. (See first attachment.) The letter alleges that certain OCSPP career managers and staff violated EPA’s Scientific Integrity Policy. Michal is

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**We would be grateful for your review** of the draft memo, ideally by COB Thursday July 1. We would like to finalize and send the memo on Thursday July 1 or Friday July 2. Please send us any thoughts or comments you have. Thank you so much.

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